

Dear Sir Phil Nov 9, 1838

I beg your Excellency will be pleased to allow me that I may repeat to call to your consideration the circumstances how I came to this country & that I was engaged by the American Consul Mr Appleton at Leghorn in behalf of the Government as an artist to the U.S. Mint. It was regularly established in the Mint by the Honorable Joseph Clay, Member of Congress & cashier of the Farmers & Mechanics' Bank of this place. I am now in the United States thirty one years & have had been employed in various periods by Government which was about seven years altogether, so that it loses twenty four years of the best time of my life, if Government does not pay my claims or remunerate me for the loss of my time. In the mean time dear Sir I ask the favor of you to cause through your influence by some means that I may get some employment as my present circumstances are much reduced on by the cabinet or yourself through your own Excellency's own authority arrange for

the above demands I shall be equally satisfied
so that I can have provision for my old age
I comfort in my declining days.

At the same time allow me to mention
that there are some beings whom existence I
think that I am the cause of, I feel it my
duty to mention that also to you so no case
I am treated with neglect they will have to
suffer equally with myself. They are young &
unprovided for so I hope that your humanity
will dictate your Excellency to interest your
self in my behalf & theirs also.

You may be certain that I would not make
any demand if justice would not require me
to do so. I hope that this letter will cause
the relief of my great misery & relations of
the above circumstance.

I enclose a copy of a certificate from an
old acquaintance of mine.

I have the Honor to be

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His Excellency } Very Respectfully
Martin Van Buren }
President of } Your obedt Servant
The United States }
Morty Turst